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**SENATE BILL**

**No. 846**

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**Introduced by Senator Galgiani**  
***(Coauthor: Senator Gaines)***

January 9, 2014

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An act to add Section 14201.2 to the Penal Code, relating to crimes.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 846, as amended, Galgiani. Crimes: Violent Crime Information Center.

Existing law establishes the Attorney General as the chief law officer of the state, and grants the Attorney General specified law enforcement powers. Existing law requires the Attorney General to establish and maintain a Violent Crime Information Center to assist in the identification and apprehension of persons responsible for specific violent crimes and for the disappearance and exploitation of persons, particularly children and dependent adults. Existing law also requires the Attorney General to provide information on reports of missing persons to law enforcement agencies, as provided.

This bill would clarify that, notwithstanding any other law, a law enforcement agency is authorized to request a copy of information or data maintained by the Department of Justice relating to the Violent Crime Information Center. The bill would also provide related legislative findings and declarations.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1     SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares all of the  
2 following:

3     (a) Unsolved missing and unidentified persons investigations  
4 generally lack an obvious connection between the offender and  
5 the victim.

6     (b) There is a high probability that unsolved missing and  
7 unidentified persons cases across local jurisdictions may be linked  
8 together.

9     (c) It is the intent of the Legislature to do all of the following:

10    (1) Enable ~~the criminal justice community~~ *law enforcement*  
11 *agencies* to generate a more effective response in the identification,  
12 investigation, and adjudication of unsolved missing and  
13 unidentified persons cases.

14    (2) Enable the Attorney General to provide local law  
15 enforcement agencies with access to existing informational  
16 resources within the Department of Justice for the purpose of  
17 linking, and eventually resolving, unsolved missing and  
18 unidentified persons cases that were previously unknown to be  
19 related.

20    (3) Authorize local law enforcement agencies from all local  
21 jurisdictions within California to request existing information and  
22 data maintained by the Department of Justice, for the purpose of  
23 linking, and eventually resolving, unsolved missing and  
24 unidentified persons cases.

25    SEC. 2. Section 14201.2 is added to the Penal Code, to read:

26    14201.2. Notwithstanding any other law, a law enforcement  
27 agency may request a copy of information or data maintained by  
28 the Department of Justice pursuant to this title, for the purpose of  
29 linking an unsolved missing or unidentified person case with  
30 another case that was previously unknown to be related to that  
31 case, or for the purpose of resolving an unsolved missing or  
32 unidentified person case.